

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraph of the specification which commences at page 8, line 10 and continues to page 8, line 20. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Specification Amendments showing a marked up version of the replacement paragraph.

DI -- The local parser **160** utilizes in the preferred embodiment small and multiple grammars along with several passes and a unique scoring mechanism to provide parse hypotheses. For example, the novel local parser **160** recognizes according to this approach phrases such as dates, names of people, and movie categories. If a speaker utters "record me a comedy in which Mel Brooks stars and is shown before January 23rd", the local parser recognizes: "comedy" as being a movie category; "January 23rd" as a date; and "Mel Brooks" as an actor. The global parser assembles those items (movie category, date, etc.) together and recognizes that the speaker wishes to record a movie with certain constraints. --

Please also replace the following paragraph of the specification which commences at page 9, line 5 and continues to page 9, line 15. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Specification Amendments showing a marked up version of the replacement paragraph.

JS -- The preferred embodiment encodes the semantics via a frame data structure **164**. The frame data structure **164** contains empty slots **166** which are filled when the semantic interpretation of global parser **162** matches the frame. For example, a frame data structure